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MID FEGRUARY 1968 : == Del SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN SAVANNAKHET SUBJECT PROVINCE: LAGS\_\_ VIETNAM, SALGON (13MARCH 1973) 460 · **SDURGE** 

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1. ABOUT MID FEBRUARY 1968;

AND

HIS UNIT, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 338TH DIVISION, MET THO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) ABOUT THO DAYS MARCH SOUTH OF THE SEPONE RIVER, LAOS, NEAR THE 30A STATION OF THE 559TH COMMOZELIAISON LINE IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. THE THO POWS WERE WOUNDED AND WERE BEING CARRIED TO NORTH VIETNAM ON HAMMOCKS BY EIGHT ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) POWS.

POLITICAL OFFICER TALKED WITH-THE
ARVN POHS WHO TOLD HIM THAT ONE OF THE U.S. POWS WAS A SENIOR
SERGEANT AND THE OTHER, A MAJOR, THEY WERE BOTH CAPTURED
IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND BOTH SHOT IN THE LEGS BY NVA
SOLDIERS WHEN THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE, THEY WERE CAUCASIAN,
WORE U.S. MILITARY UNIFORMS, WERE HATLESS, HAD BLOND HAIR
AND GREEN EYES, ONE OF THE POHS WAS VERY THIN AND THE OTHER
HAD A NORMAL BUILD.

2. THE THIN FOW HAS FROM 1,80 TO 1,90 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 70 KILOS, HAD-A-LONG, GAUNT FACE, A ROSY

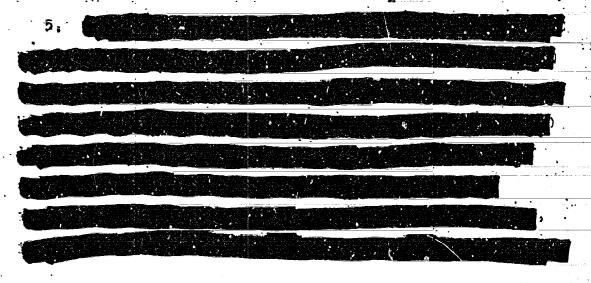
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HIS LEGS HAD BEEN-HOUNDED, HE WORE CALFSHIGH, BLACK U.S. WILLTARY BOOTS,

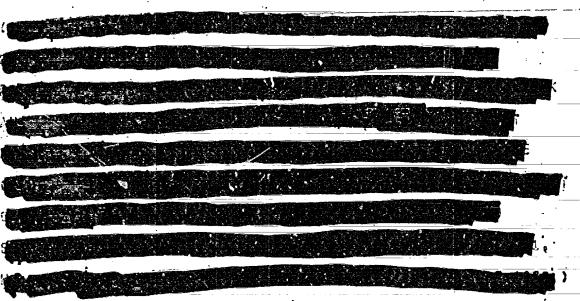
3. THE OTHER POW HAS 1,80 TO 1,90 HETERS TALL, WEIGHED
AGOUT 80 KILDS, HAD A ROSY COMPLEXION AND WAS RATHER HANDSOME.
HIS HEAD AND ONE OF HIS LEGS HERE BANDAGED, BUT HE APPEARED.
TO BE HEALTHY.

OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
BUT HAS WHABLE TO MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

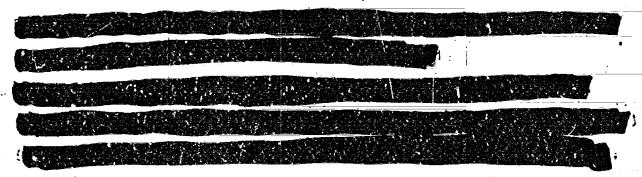
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